

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0213] beginning at page 34, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Although specific embodiments of the invention have been described and illustrated, the invention is not to be limited to the specific forms or arrangements of parts so described and illustrated. ~~As an example, the invention may be used to clean and/or grow an oxide layer on an object other than a semiconductor wafer. In addition, the desired reaction may be a reaction other than oxidation using a gas other than ozone.~~ The scope of the invention is to be defined by the claims appended hereto and their equivalents--